

(Pub. L. 98-590, §2, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3115.)

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1981, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3904, provided that: "This chapter [chapter 1 (§§1981-1987) of subtitle F of title XIX of Pub. L. 101-624, enacting section 4610a of this title, amending sections 4602, 4606, 4608, and 4612 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 4603 of this title] may be cited as the 'Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act Amendments of 1990'."

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 98-590 provided that: "This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act'."

§ 4602. Definitions

As used in this chapter:

(1) The term "honey" means the nectar and saccharine exudations of plants which are gathered, modified, and stored in the comb by honey bees.

(2) The term "honey products" means products produced, in whole or part, from honey.

(3) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(4) The term "person" means any individual, group of individuals, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or any other entity.

(5) The term "producer" means any person who produces honey in the United States for sale in commerce.

(6) The term "handler" means any person who handles honey.

(7) The term "handle" means to sell, package, or process honey.

(8) The term "importer" means any person who imports honey or honey products into the United States or acts as an agent, broker, or consignee for any person or nation that produces honey outside of the United States for sale in the United States and who is listed in the import records as the importer of record for such honey or honey products.

(9) The term "producer-packer" means any person who is both a producer and handler of honey.

(10) The term "promotion" means any action, including paid advertising, pursuant to this chapter, to present a favorable image for honey or honey products to the public with the express intent of improving the competitive position and stimulating sales of honey or honey products.

(11) The term "research" means any type of research designed to advance the image, desirability, usage, marketability, production, or quality of honey or honey products.

(12) The term "consumer education" means any action to provide information on the usage and care of honey or honey products.

(13) The term "marketing" means the sale or other disposition in commerce of honey or honey products.

(14) The term "Committee" means the National Honey Nominations Committee provided for under section 4606(b) of this title.

(15) The term "Honey Board" means the board provided for under section 4606(c) of this title.

(16) The term "State association" means that organization of beekeepers in a State

which is generally recognized as representing the beekeepers of that State.

(17) The term "State" means any of the several States, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(18) The term "exporter" means any person who exports honey or honey products from the United States.

(Pub. L. 98-590, §3, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3116; Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1982, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3904.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Par. (8). Pub. L. 101-624, §1982(1), substituted "or acts" for "or who acts", and inserted before period at end "and who is listed in the import records as the importer of record for such honey or honey products".

Par. (18). Pub. L. 101-624, §1982(2), added par. (18).

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 1446h of this title.

§ 4603. Honey research, promotion, and consumer information order

To effectuate the declared policy of this chapter, the Secretary shall, subject to the provisions of this chapter, issue and, from time to time, amend orders applicable to persons engaged in the production, sale, or handling of honey and honey products in the United States and the importation of honey and honey products into the United States.

(Pub. L. 98-590, §4, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3116.)

CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO ORDER

Pub. L. 101-624, title XIX, §1987, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3908, provided that: "Notwithstanding any provision of the Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act (7 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.), the Secretary of Agriculture, after notice and opportunity for public comment, shall issue an amendment to the order in effect under such Act on the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 28, 1990] to conform such order to the amendments made by this subtitle [subtitle F (§§1981-1989) of title XIX of Pub. L. 101-624, enacting section 4610a of this title and amending sections 1787, 4602, 4606, 4608, and 4612 of this title], which shall become effective on the date of the publication of such amendment to the order in the Federal Register without a referendum thereon (except for the referendum specifically provided for under section 1985 [amending section 4612 of this title]). The Secretary shall issue such amendment to the order in final form not later than 150 days after the date of the enactment of this Act."

§ 4604. Notice and hearing

Whenever the Secretary has reason to believe that the issuance of an order will assist in carrying out the purpose of this chapter, the Secretary shall provide due notice of and opportunity for a hearing upon a proposed order. Such hearing may be requested and a proposal for an order submitted by any organization or interested person affected by the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 98-590, §5, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3117.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 4605 of this title.

§ 4605. Findings and issuance of order

After notice of and opportunity for a hearing has been provided in accordance with section 4604 of this title, the Secretary shall issue an order if the Secretary finds, and sets forth in such order, that, upon the evidence introduced at such hearing, the issuance of such order and all the terms and conditions thereof will assist in carrying out the purpose of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 98-590, §6, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3117.)

§ 4606. Required terms of order**(a) Terms and conditions of order**

Any order issued by the Secretary under this chapter shall contain the terms and conditions described in this section and, except as provided in section 4607 of this title, no others.

(b) National Honey Nominations Committee; composition; nominations; terms; Chairman; compensation; meetings; voting

(1) Such order shall provide for the establishment and appointment by the Secretary of a National Honey Nominations Committee which shall consist of not more than one member from each State, from nominations submitted by each State association. If a State association does not submit a nomination, the Secretary may provide for nominations from that State to be made in a different manner, except that if a State which is not one of the top twenty honey-producing States in the United States (as determined by the Secretary) does not submit a nomination, such State shall not be represented on the Committee.

(2) Members of the Committee shall serve for three-year terms with no member serving more than two consecutive three-year terms, except that the initial appointments to the Committee shall be staggered with an equal number of members appointed, to the maximum extent possible, to one-year, two-year, and three-year terms.

(3) The Committee shall select its Chairman by a majority vote.

(4) The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties as members of the Committee.

(5) The Committee shall nominate the members and alternates of the Honey Board and submit such nominations to the Secretary. In making such nominations, the Committee shall meet annually, except that after the first annual meeting, when determined by the Chairman, the Committee may conduct its business by mail ballot in lieu of an annual meeting. In order to nominate members to the Honey Board, at least 50 per centum of the members from the twenty leading honey producing States must vote. A majority of the National Honey Nominations Committee shall constitute a quorum for voting at an annual meeting. In the case of a mail ballot, votes must be received from a majority of the Committee.

(c) Honey Board; membership; terms; alternates; compensation; powers; duties

(1) The order described in subsection (a) of this section shall provide for the establishment and

appointment by the Secretary of a Honey Board in accordance with this subsection.

(2) The membership of the Honey Board shall consist of—

(A) seven members who are honey producers appointed from nominations submitted by the National Honey Nominations Committee, one from each of seven regions of the United States which shall be established by the Secretary on the basis of the production of honey in the different areas of the country;

(B) two members who are handlers of honey appointed from nominations submitted by the Committee from recommendations made by industry organizations representing handler interests;

(C) two members who are either importers or exporters, of which at least one shall be an importer, appointed from nominations submitted by the Committee from recommendations by industry organizations representing importer and exporter interests;

(D) one member who is an officer or employee of a honey marketing cooperative appointed from nominations submitted by the Committee; and

(E) one member selected by the Secretary from the general public.

The Committee shall also submit nominations for an alternate for each member of the Honey Board described in subparagraphs (A) through (D), and the Secretary shall appoint an alternate for the member described in subparagraph (E). Such alternates shall be appointed in the same manner as members are and shall serve only whenever the member is absent from a meeting or is disqualified. However, no producer-packer who, during any three of the preceding five years, purchased for resale more honey than such producer-packer produced shall be eligible for nomination or appointment to the Honey Board as a producer described in subparagraph (A) or as an alternate to such producer.

(3) Members of the Honey Board shall serve for three-year terms with no member serving more than two consecutive three-year terms except that the initial appointments to the Honey Board shall be staggered with an equal number of members appointed, to the maximum extent possible, to one-year, two-year, and three-year terms.

(4) In the event any member of the Honey Board ceases to be a member of the category of members from which the member was appointed to the Honey Board, such person shall be automatically replaced by an alternate, except that if, as a result of the adjustment of the boundaries of the regions established under paragraph (2)(A), a producer member or alternate is no longer from the region from which such person was appointed, such member or alternate may serve out the term for which such person was appointed.

(5) The members of the Honey Board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incurred in performing their duties as members of the Honey Board.

(6) The powers and duties of the Honey Board shall be to—

(A) administer any order, issued by the Secretary under this chapter, in accordance with